

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Stephen J. Padden, declare that I am a United States citizen and have an address of 120 Shamrock Drive, Ventura, California, 93003.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MULTI-PURPOSE OFFICE TOOL, Attorney's Docket No. HM-69621, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e), of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/252,695 filed November 24, 2000.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, Sec. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

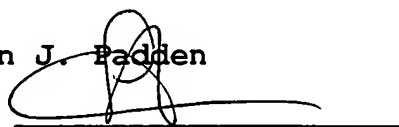
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, or under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 365 for inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT

international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE.

I hereby appoint Kenneth J. Hovet, Registration No. 25,988, and Arthur K. Samora, Registration No. 43,079, of Kenneth J. Hovet Law Offices, 4476 Market Street, Suite 601, Ventura, California 93003, (805) 642-2101, to whom all future correspondence should be sent, as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the Letters Patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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